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SNC 080124

PROJECT SUMMARY

County: Placer

Applicant: Placer County Resource Conservation District

Project Title: Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council Fuels Reduction Project Phase I

PROJECT GOAL

The goal of this project is to complete all necessary outreach, project planning, environmental documentation (CEQA), and layout of Placer Sierra FSC proposed projects identified in the Placer County Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

Sierra Nevada Conservancy funds will directly impact the security of water quality in the North and Middle Fork of the American River watershed. Our goal is to effectively limit sediment input into these pristine watersheds. To accomplish our goal we aim to decrease the potential of wildfire through strategic fuels management. Placer County RCD has chosen to support the efforts of Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council by providing technical assistance to complete grant writing and planning phases. Phase I is a comprehensive planning process. Tasks include: 1. landowner identification within fuel break locations, 2. public outreach to gain support of proposed project locations, 3. GIS mapping support, 4. fuel load reduction prescriptions, 5. project layout, and 6. completion of performance measures. The intent is to complete phase 1 by Spring of 2011, and move on to phase II by Fall of 2011. We expect to do direct outreach to approximately 700 landowners through workshops. Layout approximately 1,470 acres of fuel break and complete all necessary environmental documentation. The completion of phase I is a critical step to establish a safer Placer County, and maintain water quality. Partners include CalFire, UC Berkley Cooperative Extension, Placer County RCD, Placer Sierra FSC, City of Colfax, Placer Fire Safe Alliance, and Placer Hills Fire Protection District. All parties were instrumental in project planning, prescription, and support of the efforts and outcomes this project will produce. Benchmarks include: gaining greater than 90% cooperation with local landowners identified for treatment, completing all CEQA documents by winter 2009, and completing final layout of priority 1 projects by early spring 2010. Due to decreased budgets across the board hard dollar matching funds have become increasingly less available. Our project has many partners willing to assist with in-kind matches in the form of technical assistance and outreach, but have been unable to secure any matching funds.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Letters of Support have been acquired from the following supporters:

**Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council
CalFire
Placer Hills Fire Protection District
Forest Hill Fire Safe Council
City of Colfax
Placer County Fire Safe Alliance**

SNC PROJECT DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Address Landowners Within project area through direct mail.	Award +1 Month
Hold three Community workshops: To educate landowners on project, what it means to their property and how they can help.	Award +3,4,5 Months
6 month Project Review Report	Award +6 Months
Begin CEQA process and performance measures for all projects.	Award +7 Months
Develop fuels reduction prescription for project area.	Award +10 Months
12 month project Review Report	Award +12 Months
Complete CEQA process for all projects and develop 18 month report.	Award +18 Months
Begin layout process of priority I projects.	Award +20 Months
Complete Performance measures	Award +22 Months
Final Project Review Report	Award +24 Months

SNC PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Public outreach/direct mailing to targeted landowners	\$2000
Three community workshops	\$6000
Fuels reduction prescription and operations plan	\$50000
CEQA documentation	\$72000
Project layout	\$50000
RCD technical assistance	\$33000
RCD administrative costs	\$23000
Performance measures and reports	\$30000
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SNC GRANT TOTAL	\$266,000